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AMENDMENT "B"

Sir:

The three month response period for responding to the outstanding Office action of May 6, 2004 expired on August 6, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from August 6, 2004 through September 6, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

In response to the Office action of May 6, 2004, paper no. 13, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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